

## Heroes honored at MTS



Shown from left to right are: Tribal Police officer Greg Bork (representing local law enforcement officers), Lynn Skenadore (representing Tribal School teachers), Natasha and Alan Tomow (MTS Student Council Vice President and President), and Neopit Fire Chief, Joseph Notinokey (representing local firefighters).

Mr. Michael Clark  
MTS Student Council Advisor

Local heroes were recently honored at the Menominee Tribal School in Neopit. The school student body wanted to do something for the local firefighters, law enforcement officers, and teachers to show their appreciation. They are thankful for everything these dedicated men and women do for them. The student council made banners for Neopit Firefighters, Tribal Police, Menominee Co. Sheriff's Dept., and their teachers.

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## Wesley Martin retains School Board seat after recount

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Menominee Nation News

In a recount of the 2002 Spring Election ballots, votes cast for the Menominee Indian School District's School Board position for the South Branch area, Wesley Martin came out ahead by the same vote Kenneth "Romy" Johnson had previously beaten the former Board President with.

In a table turning outcome, Wesley Martin will again be seated on the School's District Board representing the South Branch area of the Menominee community.

In the beginning, Martin was outvoted by Kenneth Romy Johnson with an initial tally of 228 votes for Johnson. Martin ends up the winner by the same

total, 228. Johnson received 227 votes after the recount was tallied.

During an interview with the Shawano Evening Leader newspaper, Martin said, "On the ballots where people voted for me, they are to run a line next to the candidate of their choice. Some people had also put a checkmark, and the machine didn't pick up (the vote)."

According to John Rothlisberg, the School Board faces some tough decisions in the coming years. With governmental funding cuts to school districts statewide, the Board will be deciding on many budget issues that will affect our children..

Regular meetings of the MISD School Board are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month.

The meetings are open to the public with the exception of Executive Session.

The School Board faces many difficult decisions this year. They not only deal with employee grievances, student disciplinary actions, but now have to face the difficulty with Wisconsin's budgetary cuts to all school districts within Wisconsin.

In recent minutes of the MISD Board, approval of accounts payable, instructional programming HIV/AIDS policy and many rules and guidelines for various classes were approved.

Mary Wayka and David "Jonsey" Miller will be among these School Board Members facing these numerous areas of decisions on the future of our



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Martin pictured during the Spring Election.

children, teachers and what services will be offered to the students within the Menominee Indian School District.

The newly elected Board members will be sworn in on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 4 pm at the Central Office building across from the Keshena Primary School.

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School Board	Keshena	Neopit	Total Votes
Keshena			
David "Jonsey" Miller	209	80	289
Patricia Roberts	146	39	185
South Branch			
Kenneth "Romy" Johnson	School Board, Board of Canvas at time of re-count, counts total votes, and does not separate by area.		227
Wesley T. Martin			228
At Large			
Mary K. Wayka	198	55	253
Alan "Dale" Kaquatosh	129	69	198
Shawano/Menominee Circuit Court Judge			
James R. Habeck	125	35	160
David R. Winter	205	52	257
NCTC Resolution			
Yes	144	42	186
No	105	18	123



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